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SUBJECT: IRANIAN HOWITZERS TO MOROCCO

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1. AMBASSADOR TALKED TO JAF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF LT. GEN.
BIN SHAKER ALONG LINES SUGGESTED PARA 4 REFTTEL A.

2. BIN SHAKER INDICATED HIS FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE
SITUATION AND INDICATED GOJ WOULD COMPLY IN THE FUTURE.

3. HE TOLD ME PRIVATELY AND CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HE HAD
NEVER HAD ANY ENTHUSIASM FOR THE DEAL TO BEGIN WITH.
SECONDLY, IRANIANS HAD INSISTED TO MOROCCANS THAT
HOWITZERS HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED BY AIR TO JORDAN SOME WEEKS
BEFORE THEY HAD ACTUALLY ARRIVED. WHEN THEY HAD
ARRIVED BY SEA FROM IRAN IN AQABA, MOROCCAN SHIP HAD
BEEN WAITING AT LEAST A WEEK TO PICK THEM UP. JORDAN
DID WHAT THEY COULD TO DELAY THE SHIP EVEN FURTHER
BUT GIVEN MOROCCANS EXTREME AGITATION OVER GETTING
HOWITZERS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLY, IT HAD NOT BEEN
POSSIBLE TO DELAY SHIP INDEFINITELY. BIN SHAKER SAID
HE HOPED US UNDERSTOOD THAT JORDAN WAS MERELY A
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REVOLVING DOOR IN THIS PORCESS AND THAT JORDAN WOJLD NOT

WISH TO BE THE OBJECT OF UNHAPPINESS IN THE US CONGRESS
FOR PERFORMING WHAT WAS PURELY A FACILITATIVE SERVICE
TO IRAN AND MOROCCO.

4. COMMENT: BIN SHAKER DID NOT SAY SO, BUT WE ARE
AWARE HERE THAT AT ONE TIME DIRECT PHYSICAL TRANSFER
OF THE EQUIPMENT FROM IRAN TO MOROCCO WAS CONTEMPLATED
AND APPARENTLY AGREED TO BY WASHINGTON AT LEAST IN
PRINCIPLE. FURTHER, SINCE IT WAS KNOWN TO THE
CONGRESS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE THAT THE TRANSFER
VIA JORDAN WAS PURELY A FORMAL STEP TO MEET IRANIAN
SENSITIVITIES, WE HOPE DEPARTMENT COULD DO ALL POSSIBLE
TO REDUCE ANY PROBLEM WHICH MIGHT ATTACH TO JORDAN
IN THIS CASE.
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